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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, after considerable investigation, discussion, negotiation and pacification, we have arrived at this. We will see how it works."

Enquiry into the conditions of hotel workers.

* 248-D *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether any proposal is under consideration by the Government to appoint a court of enquiry to go ino the conditions of the hotel workers in this State?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is no such proposal, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in Madras City alone there are about 12,000 hotel workers and in the whole State there are thousands and thousands of workers. Minimum wages have not been fixed for these workers and hotel-keepers also do not carry out the provisions of the Shop Assistants Act and thus the workers do not get any leave. Hotel-keepers close hotels in violation of Acts passed by this Government. In view of these, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to constitute an enquiry committee to go into these matters and fix minimum wages as desired by the workers in the memorandum submitted by them to the Government? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, for the rectification of these difficulties and the remedying of dissatisfaction, there are other legal remedies which will have to be sought for first."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" In view of the fact that wages have been fixed for certain number of hotel workers as a result of adjudication proceedings, hotels not governed by the award as at a competitive advantage, will the Government reconsider their attitude towards this situation and set up a committee so that a uniform level of wages may prevail for all the workers working in the industry? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I have said already, at present Government have no such proposals under consideration. They feel that the existing laws are enough to rectify the difficulties. If the hon. Member is prepared to make out a case and submit it to Government, we shall certainly look into the matter."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" സർ, ഇന്ത്യാ യൂനിയൻ പ്രസിഡെണ്ടിൻെറ പുതിയ ഓഡിനൻസിൽനിന്നു രക്ഷപ്പെടുവാൻ സിററിയിലെ ഹോട്ടൽ ഉടമസ്ഥന്മാർ തൊഴിലാളികളുടെ സർവ്വീസ് നഷ്ടപ്പെടുത്തുവാൻ ഇടക്കിടെ പിരിച്ചു വിടുകയും, പിന്നീട് ചേർക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുകയാണ്. ഇതു തടയുവാൻ ഗവമ്മേണ്ടു അടിയന്തരമായി നടപടി എടുക്കുമോ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have no such information, Sir. I would like the hon. Member to give it to me in writing and I shall examine it."

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SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware of cases where when the awards are favourable to the workers, the hotel-keepers close the hotels and put up a new hotel under a new name to evade implementation of the award and what is the remedy that the Government have to give relief to workers so affected? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the law provides for closure of the hotel if there is no work or if there is loss. If there is any violation of the laws and the closure is *mala fide*, the present law is quite enough to rectify the difficulty."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஹோட்டலுக்கு ஹோட்டல் சம்பளம் வித்தியாசம் இருக்கின்றது. ஒரு சட்டமும் இல்லாததால் இஷ்டப்படி சம்பளம் கொடுத்துவருகின்றனர். அதனால் குறைந்தபட்ச அளவு சம்பளத்தை நிர்ணயிக்க சர்க்கார் யோசிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I have said on another occasion, this is not a matter which can be rectified by a court of enquiry. We are fairly sure that no useful purpose would be served by this. It will only magnify the troubles and differences. If the hon. Member gives me specific instances I shall certainly look into them."

Supply of electricity to Madurantakam taluk.

* 248-E *Q.*—SRI O. VENKATASUBBA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the scheme for the extension of electricity from Chingleput to Madurantakam, already sanctioned will be taken up in 1953–54?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The scheme for extension of supply to Madurantakam and Karunguzhi villages in Chingleput district will not be taken up for execution during 1953–54, but it is likely to be taken up in its turn during 1954–55, if funds are available and provided."

SRI O. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" 1951-ல் சாங்ஷனைவைகளை அனுசரித்து சுற்றுப்புற தாலூகாக்களில் எலெக்ரிசிடி இருந்தும், மதுராந்தகம் தாலூகா பூராவும் எலெக்ரிசிடி இல்லாமல் இருப்பதை அனுசரித்தும் அங்கே விஸ்தரிக்க இந்த தொகையிலிருந்து ஒரு பகுதியை ஒதுக்கி 1953–54-ல் வேலை தொடங்க முடியுமா என்று கேட்க்கிறேன்."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already said that it cannot be taken up in 1953–54. In 1954–55, it will be considered but there are other schemes which have been sanctioned much earlier than 1951."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The Hon. Minister has assured now that the scheme would be taken up for execution during 1954–55. If a similar question were put about this scheme in 1954–55 will the Hon. Minister come forward then with a reply that it could not be taken up for want of funds and give any such lame excuses? "